

A True and exact Relation
OF THE LORD
DIGBIE'S
FLIGHT.

Containing the cause of his departure, his
comming to Sir *John Pennington* into the Downess RAF

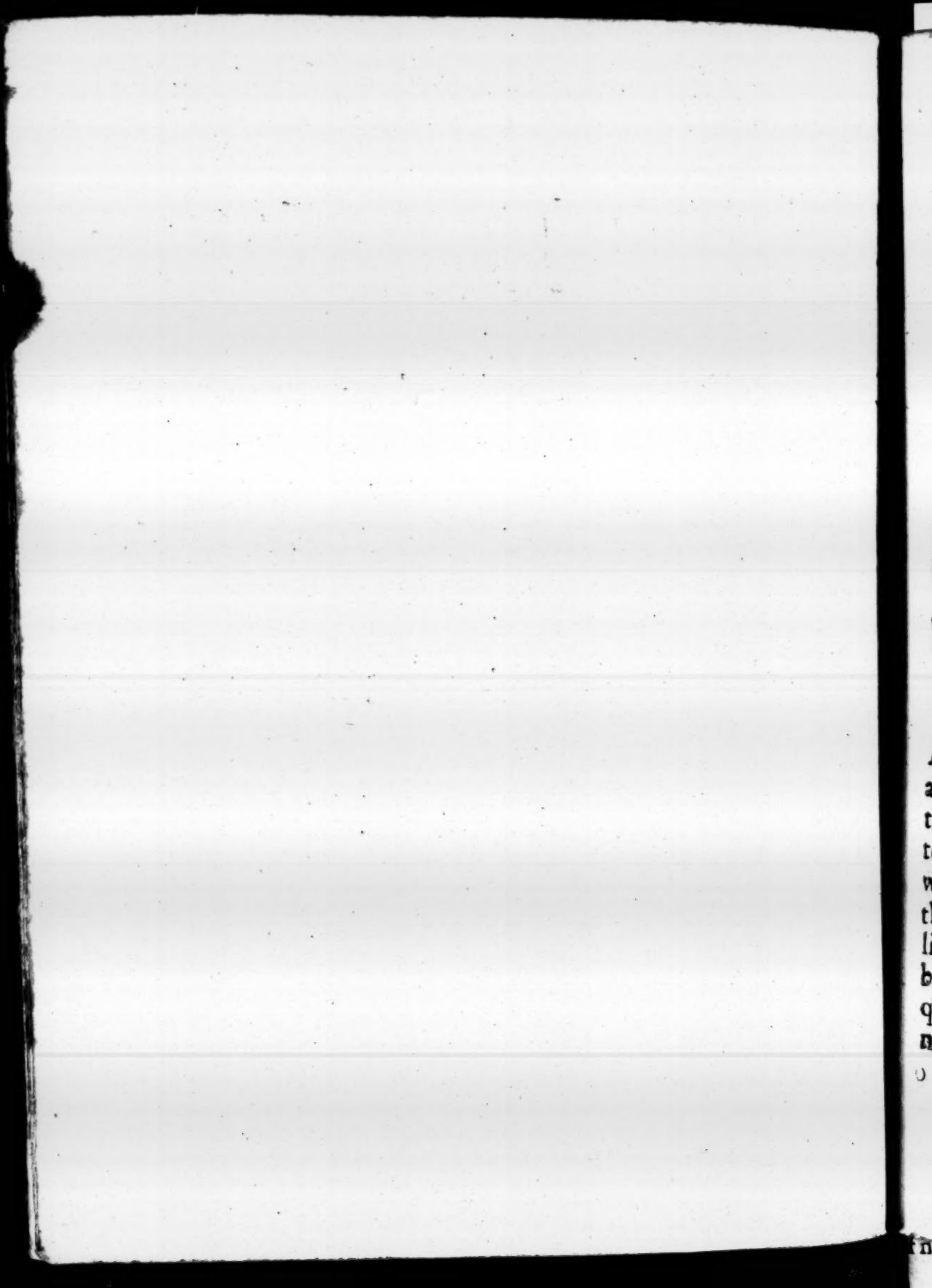
With the apprehending of Colonell *Lunsford*
to the manner of Mr, *Daniel Oneales* man, carrying
of Letters to the Lord *Digbie* aboard Sir *John Pen-*
ningtons ship.

likewise the Lord *Digbie's* going to Sea in
tenth Whelpe, with the apprehending of *Oneales*
man by the Major of *Canterbury*, his bringing before
the Parliament, and Examination, with
many other passages concerning the same.

it was Reported by the Committee of
House of Commons to the whole House on
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GEORGE Lord Digbie, Sonne
to the Earle of *Bristol* having
(not long since) joyned him-
selfe with Colonell *Lunsford*,
and in a warlike manner ap-
peared with about 3. or 400
Troopers ready mounted in
Armes neere *Kingstoke* in the County of Surrey,
and there viewed the Magazine for that County,
to the great affrightment of the County, and af-
terwards appearing neate Old *windsor* in the like
warlike manner at the time of his Majesties being
there, Of which the House of Commons in Par-
liament having notice voted all such meetings to
be illegall, and a great disturbance of the Peace &
quiet of this Kingdome, and the Lords in Parlia-
ment joyning with them in the said Vote. They
doe: r that the foure adjacent Shires to Sur-
rey

rey should joyne together in raising of the Trayned Bands to secure the Magazine at *Kingston* for the County of Surrey, and to suppress that or any such like tumultuous assemblies.

And they also sent out a speciall warrant to apprehend the said Lord *Digbie* and Colonell *Lunsford*, and to bring them before the Parliament, upon which warrant the said Colonell was taken and brought to the Parliament, and by them committed to the Serjeant at Armes, there to remaine till further leasure of the House to bring him to tryall for his crime whereby hee may receive conaigne punishment according to desert.

But the said Lord *Digbie* vnderstanding (by a private-intelligence) there was a warrant issued to apprehend him, and that the Parliament intended to call him to account for other matters of high consequence objected against him, as being notoriously suspected to have a great hand in the proceedings agitated against these worthy Members of Parliament accused of Treason by his Majesty; and being prick't in his conscience with the guilt of his offence, presently tooke flight toward *Canterbury* where he remained for a day or two in a very private manner, whilst he had conveig'd letters to London to some speciall freinds informing of his abode, and how that he intended presently to get aboard *Sir John Pennington's* Ship, lying in the Downes (which accordingly he did) and there to stay untill such time as he should receive advice how matters were carried against him at the Parliament, and what speeches were raised
concer-

concerning him, that so he might be informed whether were more safe to returne to London, or to take flight by Sea.

Matters were so carried in this businesse; that one *Saunders* Servant to Mr. *Daniel Oneale*, one of the Northern Conspirators, (now in Tower and accused of Traison by the Parliament, was prepar'd by his Master to carry a trusty Letter to the Lord *Digbie*, and thereupon was sent by his Master to the Earle of *Bristoll* to receive a Letter and instructions to that purpose, The sayd *Saunders* comming to the Earle of *Bristoll* at his house in *Queens street* neare *Lincolnes-Inne-Fields*, on Munday night, the 17. of *Ianu.* Received a Letter of the said Earle, to be carried with post speed to the Lord *Digby* aboard a Ship with Sir *John Pennington* in the Downs, the which the said *Saunders* promised faithfully to doe withall speed, and comming through London, it being very late and the watch being set in the Citie, he quietly passed along upon some slight examination, but comming through the watch at London Bridge, being somewhat strictly examined by the Constable, of the cause of his riding forth of towne at so late houres, he told them he was a Servant to Mr. *Hollis* (one of those Gentlemen lately accused of Treason by his Majesty) and that he was sent by his Master to apprehend one that was pretended to be a maine witnesse against his Master and the rest, but was fled towards *Canterbury*,

whereupon

whereupon he was permitted quietly to passe and riding hard all that night, the next day before noone, came into the Downes aboard Sir *John Peningtons* Ship; where he found the Lord *Digby* at Dinner with Sir *John*, and delivering the Letter to the Lord *Digby*, presently after Dinner he tooke leave of the said Sir *John*, and went on shoare, but had not stayed long before he returned againe to the sayd Ship, and told the sayd Sir *John*, he had a command from his Majesty speedily to goe to Sea in one of the Kings Ships.

Whereupon a small Vessell called the Tenth Whelpe was presently made ready, and the Lord *Digby* comming aboard the same presently put to Sea, and by his course, and wind, as it was conceived made towards *Flushing*.

The watch at London Bridge on Munday night after they had let the said *Saunders* passe them, upon some deliberation, suspecting they had beene deceived by cunning pretence, made further inquiry the next morning concerning it and found there was no such matter, but their was a rumour passed in the Citie that the Lord *Digby* was fled to the Downes, to Sir *John Penington*.

Whereupon there was Messengers sent post after the sayd *Saunders*, who was taken by the Major of Canterbury upon his comming backe from the Downes and sent by him in safe custody to London, and on Friday last was examined before the house of Commons at Grocers Hall, who confessed the particulars before recited or the greatest part of them, and the rest being proved against

gainst him by good witnesse, upon which he was committed to Prison till farther leysure to examine him.

That Friday also Sir *John Pennington* having (by Servant of his) sent the Lord *Digbys* horses, which he left behind him, to his Father the Earle of *Bristol* to London, who came that morning to Towne, the said Earle causing the said Messenger to be brought before the Committee of both Houses, and examined, who could say little to the businesse but that the Lord *Digby* went to Sea on Tuesday last towards *Flushing*, or *Holland*, in the *North Whelpe*.

Hereupon the Earle of *Bristol*, made a short speech to excuse himselfe concerning his Sonnes flight, denying that he was any way privie thereto, promising that what hereafter should come to his knowledge concerning him, he would faithfully disclose to the House.

FINIS.